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FOLLOWING REPEAT HAVAN 0973 ACTION SECSTATE INFO MOSCW  
PRETORIA DATED APR 17:

QTE:C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 0973

FOR ARA AMBASSADOR TODMAN AND S/S PETER TARNOFF

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), CU UR US

SUBJ: POSSIBLE ENCOUNTER BETWEEN CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND  
SECRETARY IN MOSCOW

1. GRANMA, APRIL 17, REPORTS THAT CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
ISIDORO MALMIERCA IS DEPARTING TODAY FOR MOSCOW. SOVIET  
DIPLOMATS HERE IN RECENT DAYS HAVE MADE REMARKS WHICH MIGHT  
SUGGEST THAT MOSCOW IS THINKING OF PUTTING MALMIERCA  
IN TROUGH WITH SECRETARY IN MOSCOW, PARTICULARLY IF SUBJECT OF  
AFRICA ARISES. LIKELIHOOD THAT SUCH AN ENCOUNTER MIGHT  
TAKE PLACE IS STRENGTHENED BY RECENT SIGNALS (SEE SEPTELS)  
THAT CUBANS WISH TO ASSURE WEST THAT THEY WILL NOT MILITARILY  
INTERVENE IN ERITREA ON PLAY DECISIVE MILITARY ROLE IN RHODESIAN  
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COMBAT.

2. IN THE EVENT THAT SECRETARY-MALMIERCA ENCOUNTER TAKES  
PLACE, FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS MAY BE USEFUL:

--(COURTESY POINT) ACCEPT OUR SYMPATHIES ON DEATH OF HIS BROTHER  
MANUEL, APRIL 14.

--(IF CUBAN MILITARY NON-PARTICIPATION IN ERITREA IS RAISED) THIS IS WELCOME SING OF RESTRAINT, HOPEFULLY OPENING WAY FOR REDIRECTION OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT ON HORN INTO CIVILIAN CHANNELS. WHILE UNDERSTANDING CUBAN DESIRE NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH WEST OVER AFRICA, UNILATERAL CUBAN OR JOINT CUBAN-ETHIOPIAN DECLARATION OF TIME PERIOD IN WHICH CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT WILL DROP WOULD BE WELCOME.

--(IF NON-USE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN RHODESIA IS RAISED) THIS WILL FACILITATE PURSUIT OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS LOOKING TOWARD PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN ZIMBABWE INVOLVING ALL PARTIES. COMPLEX OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS, INVOLVING ZIMBABWE AS WELL AS NAMIBIA, CAN BE MOVED MORE READILY TOWARD POLITICAL SOULTUIONS IF THREAT OF POTENTIAL CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT CAN BE REMOVED. SIMILARLY, WITH REGARD TO ANGOLA, CUBA COULD MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION BY SHOWING MILITARY RESTRAINT IN AREAS NEAR NAMIBIA BORDER, AND BY PUBLIC ASSURANCES CONCERNING FUTURE REDUCTIONS OF ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN ANGOLA.

(IF POSSIBILITY OF FORWARD MOVEMENT IN US-CUAN RELATIONS IS RAISED) THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE WE WILL BE ESPECIALLY ATTNTIVE TO GESUTRES FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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CUBAN SIDE:

REDUCTION OF MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICA;

- RELEASE OF FOUR AMERICAN CITIZEN POLITICAL PRISONERS REMAINING IN CUBA;

- GRANTING OF EXIT PERMISSION TO 500-ODD US-CUBAN DUAL NATIONALS, MANY OF WHOM WISH TO EMIGRATE WITH THEIR CUBAN FAMILY MEMBERS;

- BEGINNING OF PROCESS OF CONSIDERATION OF US CLAIMS FOR EQUITABLE COMPENSATION FOR EXPROPRIATED PROPERTIES. LANE UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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